



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 3%

For the week ending Jan 10, 2004, growers placed 11.3 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.4% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3 million) decreased 3.4% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.7 million, a decrease of 5.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.6 million for the week ending Jan 03, 2004 compared to 9.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

| WEEK ENDING | EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR | CURR YR | CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR | CURR YR | CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR | CURR YR |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| ----- THOUSANDS ----- | | | | | | |
| 11/15/03 | 13,724 | 13,201 | 10,682 | 10,380 | 11,082 | 10,380 |
| 11/22/03 | 13,713 | 13,508 | 11,534 | 11,445 | 11,535 | 11,445 |
| 11/29/03 | 14,579 | 13,859 | 11,842 | 11,653 | 11,842 | 11,752 |
| 12/06/03 | 14,436 | 13,695 | 11,299 | 10,958 | 11,299 | 11,048 |
| 12/13/03 | 14,403 | 13,762 | 11,369 | 11,250 | 11,369 | 11,250 |
| 12/20/03 | 14,322 | 13,719 | 12,011 | 11,507 | 12,011 | 11,507 |
| 12/27/03 | 14,316 | 13,621 | 11,830 | 11,278 | 11,830 | 11,278 |
| 01/03/04 | 14,357 | 13,595 | 11,810 | 11,385 | 11,810 | 11,385 |
| 01/10/04 | 14,432 | 13,661 | 11,692 | 11,297 | 11,694 | 11,297 |

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

| | WEEK ENDING 01/17/04 | PREV. WEEK | PREV. MONTH | PREV. YEAR |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| New York Weighted Avg | 67.58 | 64.04 | 62.26 | 59.68 |
| 12-City Composite 2/ | 67.70 | 65.75 | 66.01 | 61.08 |

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.